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Identical letters dated 16 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Last night, terrorists from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip fired a barrage of rockets towards the 113,000 citizens of the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. One can only imagine the tragedy that would have ensued if the rockets had not been intercepted by the Iron Dome anti-missile system. Israel holds the Hamas terrorist organization responsible for these attacks.

Just two days ago, I sent a letter to the Security Council (S/2014/23) regarding the ongoing attacks. While rockets continue to fall on Israel's towns and cities, the Council has fallen silent and has failed to condemn Hamas for mercilessly targeting civilians. Israel has thus far shown considerable restraint, but it will not allow its citizens to be the ongoing victims of attacks and will continue to take all necessary measures to protect its population.

I urge you to unequivocally denounce these attacks in a public statement on behalf of the Security Council. I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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